

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:


Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing forty-four (44) references that are of record in U.S. patent application No. 09/707,293, filed November 3, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,641,557, which is a divisional of patent application No. 09/399,521, filed September 20, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,231,561, which are the parent of this continuation application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with an RCE or within three months of the filing date of this application and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), (b)(2), or (b)(4).

Respectfully submitted,

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